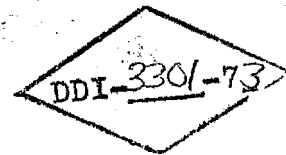


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



May 16, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR

ALL DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY HEADS

SUBJECT: Coordinating USG Contacts with the
Washington Liaison Office of the People's
Republic of China

The People's Republic of China (PRC) is now in the process of establishing a Liaison Office in Washington which will open for business in the near future. This will provide all agencies of the U.S. Government a more ready contact point with Chinese authorities.

The President has directed that all contacts with the PRC's Washington Liaison Office be coordinated beforehand with the Department of State, which will coordinate guidelines for such contacts with the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

Department and Agency heads should issue appropriate instructions to their staffs drawing on the above guidance. Such instructions may be unclassified.

Henry A. Kissinger

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